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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Volker Heinrichs *et al.*

Application No.: 09/685,189

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: IFN-ALPHA HOMOLOGUES

Examiner: J.L. Andres

Art Unit: 1646

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- o A transmittal form;
- o A petition to extend the period of response for 3 months, through the present time, (with fee payment authorization), plus duplicate copy;
- o A marked-up copy showing amendments to the claims (Appendix A);
- o A courtesy copy of the pending claims (Appendix B);
- o A marked-up copy showing amendments to the specification (Appendix C); and
- o A courtesy copy of page 2 (listing references AY-BT) of a three-page IDS form 1449 originally submitted March 23, 2001.

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